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FINANCIAL PLAN FOR THE INTERNATIONAL DECADE

Information received from indigenous organizations

INDIGENOUS INITIATIVE FOR PEACE

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Conscious of the importance of securing sufficient financial, technical and human resources to carry out the activities planned for the Decade, for ensuring the success of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous Peoples,

1. Requests Member States of the United Nations and its specialized agencies to instruct their representatives in those organizations, to promote and support the allocation of the necessary resources to carry out the activities of the Decade, in their respective regular budgets;

2. Urges the United Nations Secretary-General to establish, during the first quarter of 1995, the Voluntary Fund for the Decade, and to create, for the purposes of administrating that Fund, a Board of Trustees in which there would be an equal number of indigenous and non-indigenous full members;

3. Requests the United Nations Secretary-General to periodically organize and convene, preferably every two years, pledging conferences of Member States for contributions to the Voluntary Fund for the Decade, to be held in New York concurrently with the regular sessions of the United Nations General Assembly in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001 and 2003;

4. Requests Member States and other possible donors to generously contribute to the Voluntary Fund, preferably without earmarking those contributions for specific projects;

5. Requests the Coordinator of the Decade to ensure that specialized agencies and other intergovernmental organizations, as well as non-governmental organizations, secure adequate financing for the activities of the Decade to be carried out by those organizations;

6. Urges the United Nations Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure that the required financial, technical and human resources are made available to the Centre for Human Rights for adequately fulfilling its responsibilities in relation to the Decade;

7. Requests the Secretary-General and the Coordinator of the Decade to give priority to indigenous persons when appointing the experts and consultants required to undertake the special studies programme for the Decade, and when hiring the additional Professional staff necessary to ensure the carrying out of Decade activities;

8. Requests, further, the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures to ensure that the required resources for properly fulfilling their respective mandates are provided to all present and future special rapporteurs on indigenous issues.